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Good Morning Chief. Where possible, we have assigned PLT to contact the organizers and encourage a lawful convoy/demonstration. Depending on the intent and size of the group, in some cases, we have initiate an operational plan that is overseen by a Critical Incident Commander and monitored by a Major Critical Incident Commander that is monitoring all of the convoys/demonstrations in our jurisdiction around the province via our Emergency Operations Centre. In a number of cases, we have successful disrupted and dispersed convoys by closing portions of the QEW.

Where it is safe to do so, we have provided direction that any blockades that contravene the EMCPA shall be dealt with promptly. To assist our officers with enforcement, we have developed a decision-making guide, and we have also created a warning document that can be used pre-event and/or to disperse a crowd (which was successful on Hwy 402 and with some parties in Ottawa).

I have copied D/Commissioner DiMarco, so she can share the above-mentioned documents with the group.

Thanks,
Tom

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Good morning Chiefs and Commissioner,

Recognizing that these are exceedingly busy and challenging times right now for everyone, I apologize for adding a question to your plates. I note with interest that each of your communities have experienced and continue to experience "Slow Roll Convoys" on the weekends. Sudbury has experienced one 3 weeks in a row. Our experience has been that the organizers have been good to deal with and the disruption has been minimal. That said, last weekend we received Intelligence suggesting they were going to block access to police HQ and we had to respond by blocking off streets.

I've been receiving pushback from some members of the public and from some local politicians to "do something" about these protests. Our position has been a focus on safety while acknowledging there may be some inconveniences experienced by the public.

My question is how have you been approaching enforcement in your community, what role has your service played in monitoring these events, has your approach changed since the enactment of the Emergency Orders and the declaration of the Provincial State of Emergency?

To the extent possible, I just want to make sure that GSPS isn't out of step with the rest of the province as we have yet to move to any form of enforcement.

Thanks very much.

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